

[21st October 1927]

Collection of kist by village officers.

* 805 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the reply to my question No. 393, regarding collection of kist by village officers answered on 27th August 1927 that the Government had no information, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be now pleased to call for the information and place it on the table of the House?

A.—The Government are unable to accept the suggestions.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“The answer says that the Government are not going to carry out my suggestion. I made no suggestion at all. I was referring to a question put by me . . .”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“The hon. Member is requested to put the supplementary question.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Government are prepared to furnish any information regarding clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), of my earlier question? The earlier question referred to in this question consists of those five clauses.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“The clauses of the question do not ask for definite information. If the hon. Member wishes it, a D.C.B. account by taluks can be prepared.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether clause (b) of the question ‘what amounts were actually collected in those respective months’ is not definite?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“As I said, a D.C.B. account can be prepared.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“May I know if clause (a) of the question ‘the amount of kist that was payable by the ryotwari lands during the months of December, January, February, March and April last as per proportion of annual tax payable each month (Appendix I to Board’s Standing Order)’ is not definite?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“The kist is the demand and would be in a D.C.B. statement. In ‘D.C.B.’, ‘D’ means demand, ‘C’ means collection and ‘B’ means balance.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“Is sub-division (c) of the question also indefinite?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“That is a question which imputes irregularity; I am sorry I cannot take action unless I am given some instances.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“May I know if clauses (d) and (e) of the question ‘how many village munsifs were summoned by Tahsildars or Divisional Officer to explain why kists were not briskly collected, and to what distances from their villages’ and ‘how many village officers were fined, warned, and suspended’ are indefinite?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“It would mean enquiries all over the district. It is a matter of too much detail for the Government to interfere without specific instances.”